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SUBJ: JAPAN- PRC TALKS ON MARITIME AGREEMENT

1. WITH AVIATION TALKS BETWEEN JAPAN AND PRC TEMPORARILY STALLED, ATTENTION HAS TURNED TO NEGOTIATION OF MARITIME AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO SOURCE IN CHINA DIV. OF FONOFF, PRC SUBMITTED A DRAFT OF SUCH AGREEMENT TO GOJ ABOUT FIRST OF MAY. DRAFT, WHICH IS SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS RECENTLY CONCLUDED PRC- ITALY MARITIME AGREEMENT, CALLS FOR (1) FREE NAVIGATION AND FREE ENTRY INTO PORTS OF EACH COUNTRY; (2) RESCUE ARRANGEMENTS IN EVENT OF SEA DISASTER; AND (3) RECIPROCAL NATIONAL TREATMENT (EACH COUNTRY WOULD GIVE VESSELS FROM THE OTHER COUNTRY THE SAME TREATMENT THAT IT GAVE VESSELS FROM ITS OWN COUNTRY.) ONLY MAJOR PROBLEM THUS FAR ENCOUNTERED IN GOJ STUDY OF PRC DRAFT IS APPARENT PRC DESIRE TO REGULATE MOVEMENT OF VESSELS CLOSELY. GOJ PREFERS FREE COMPETITION TO PREVAIL. PRC DRAFT IS TECHNICAL IN NATURE, ACCORDING FONOFF, AND MAKES NO MENTION OF TAIWAN- RELATED ISSUES.

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2. FONOFF SHOURCE SAID THAT CHINESE HAVE ALREADY INDICATED THAT THEY WILLING TO COME TO TOKYO TO DISCUSS THE AGREEMENT. IF PREPARATIONS GO SMOOTHLY, TALKS COULD BEGIN WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. SOURCE ADDED THAT MARITIME AGREEMENT WOULD NOT HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE CONCLUSION OF AVIATION AGREEMENT WITH PRC. IF PRC DID NOT RAISE TAIWAN ISSUE IN TALKS ON MARITIME AGREEMENT, IT VERY POSSIBLE HE SAID, THAT MARITIME AGREEMENT WOULD BE FIRST TO BE CONCLUDED AMONG TRADE AGREEMENTS ENVISIONED IN TANAKA- CHOU EN- LAI COMMUNIQUE. INGERSOLL

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